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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
THOMAS HILL, ET AL. : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION  
SERIAL NO: 10/522,194 :  
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CRUDE 1,3-BUTADIENE :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.